

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHAINWORDS

A CHAINWORD IS SIMILAR TO A CROSSWORD EXCEPT IT IS LINEAR RATHER THAN FITTED INTO A GRID. JUST BECAUSE IT IS ONE DIMENSIONAL INSTEAD OF TWO DOES NOT, HOWEVER, MEAN THAT IT IS NECESSARILY EASIER TO SOLVE.

IN THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE THERE IS A TWO LETTER OVERLAP ALL THE WAY THROUGH, IE THE LAST TWO LETTERS OF THE FIRST WORD ARE THE SECOND WORD'S FIRST TWO LETTERS; THE LAST TWO LETTERS OF THE SECOND WORD ARE THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD WORD, AND SO ON. THE LAST TWO LETTERS OF THE LAST WORD ARE ALSO THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF THE FIRST WORD SO THAT THE CHAINWORD CAN BE WRITTEN IN A CIRCLE. YOU SHOULD NOTE HOWEVER THAT THERE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE A TWO LETTER OVERLAP; SOMETIMES ONLY ONE LETTER WILL OVERLAP, SOMETIMES THREE OR MORE WILL OVERLAP. ALSO THERE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE LETTERS PLACED IN THE LINE TO MAKE THE SOLUTION EASIER FOR YOU.

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clues	Folk	(4)
	mumble	(5)
	mistake	(5)
	musical instrument	(5)
	joint	(5)
	bloodsucker	(5)
	gulf	(5)

two letter overlaps throughout

SOLUTION

S M U T I E R R O R G A N K L E E C H A S M

note CHAINWORD CAN BE WRITTEN IN A CIRCLE

(2)

THE FOLLOWING CHAINWORD IS NOT SO EASY; NOTE THERE ARE DIFFERENT OVERLAPS THROUGHOUT, YOU ARE NOT TOLD WHAT AND WHERE, ONLY HOW MANY LETTERS THERE ARE IN THE COMPLETED PUZZLE.

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| buffalo-like animal | (5) |
| the one and | (4) |
| rhyming | (7) |
| bone mineral | (7) |
| vehicle | (5, 3) |
| inert gas | (5) |
| interstellar cloud | (6) |
| machine | (5) |
| heron-like bird | (5) |
| communication device | (9) |
| natural sugar | (5) |
| colour | (6) |
| place of conception | (4) |
- various overlaps, no letters given

SOLUTION

B I S O N L Y R I C A L C L U M O T O R
C A R G O N E B U L A I H E G R E T E L
E P H O N E Y E L L O W O M B

one letter overlap to
beginning